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SUBJ: SITREP #45: RELEASED PRISONER REPORTS AND JARUZELSKI SPEECH

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. WARSAW SITUATION REPORT -- THE CITY IS VERY QUIET TODAY AND THE STREETS ON THIS NON-WORKING SATURDAY ARE ALMOST DESERTED. EMBOFFS ON THE EARLY MORNING WATCH TEAM SAW ALMOST NO PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC BETWEEN 0530-0600 DURING THEIR DRIVES TO THE EMBASSY. ONLY A FEW TAXIS, BUSES AND TRAMS WERE IN OPERATION. FROM OUR OBSERVATIONS DECEMBER 24-26, IT APPEARS THAT THE POLICE AND MILITARY ARE BACK ON THE STREETS IN LARGE NUMBERS. ALMOST ALL OF THE EMBOFFS OUT ON DEC 24 NOTICED A DECREASED SECURITY PRESENCE. THIS SITUATION CHANGED ON DEC 25 AND BY LATE EVENING, THERE WERE MILITARY AND POLICE CHECKPOINTS AT MORE CORNERS THAN BEFORE DEC 24. THE GUARD AT NIEPODLEGLOSCI AND RAKOWIECKA INTERSECTION (THE STREET LEADING TO THE PRISON AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR) HAD 5 SOLDIERS AND ONE POLICEMAN ALREADY IN PLACE BLOCKING ALL FOUR LANES AT 0645 THIS MORNING. (THIS IS AN INCREASE OVER NORMAL NUMBERS.) ONE MO CAR ENTERED THE RESTRICTED AREA DURING THE EMBOFF'S OBSERVATION BUT NO OTHER VEHICULAR ACTIVITY WAS VISIBLE. OUR EARLY AFTERNOON CITY SURVEY FOUND MUCH THE SAME SITUATION ALTHOUGH MORE PEOPLE WERE ON THE STREETS GOING TO AND FROM CHURCH. TWO MILITARY PATROLS WERE OBSERVED IN THE OLD TOWN SECTION BUT NO ONE WAS PAYING THEM ANY ATTENTION AND THEY SEEMED CONTENT JUST TO BE WALKING ALONG KEEPING WARM. EMBOFFS IN THE AREA WERE STOPPED AT ONE ROADBLOCK BUT TALKED THEIR WAY THROUGH IT WITH ONLY A LITTLE BIT OF BLARNEY AND A FEW COMMISERATING COMMENTS ON THE WEATHER. THE SKIES ARE OVERCAST AND A LIGHT SNOW CONTINUES TO FALL. TEMPERATURES ARE IN THE 10-15 DEGREES (F) RANGE AND A LIGHT BREEZE IS BLOWING.

3. CONDITIONS FOR SCIENTIST/INTELLECTUAL DETAINEES DESCRIBED AS GOOD -- A RECENTLY RELEASED JEWISH INTELLECTUAL (PROTECT) TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE AND A NUMBER OF OTHER

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SCHOLARS HAD BEEN HELD IN TWO SEPARATE PRISONS UNDER RELATIVELY "GOOD" CONDITIONS. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL MISTREATMENT OF THE 30 PERSONS IN HIS BLOCK OF DETAINEES AND THE FOOD AND LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS WERE OKAY. THE PROFESSOR FIRST WAS INFORMED OF MARTIAL LAW WHEN FOUR POLICE OFFICERS CAME TO HIS HOME AT 0030 ON DEC 13 TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY. THEY WERE POLITE AND COURTEOUS AND THEY DID NOT DAMAGE HIS DOOR OR RESIDENCE. THE PROFESSOR WAS ALLOWED TO BRING ALONG SOME BOOKS WITH HIM. HE WAS HELD FOR SEVERAL DAYS AT BIALOLENKA PRISON NEAR WARSAW, THEN TRANSFERRED BY HELICOPTER ALONG WITH A LARGER GROUP OF SCHOLARS AND INTELLECTUALS TO A DETENTION CENTER IN THE MIDDLE OF A SNOW-BOUND MILITARY TRAINING AREA NEAR KOSZALIN. THE ARMY COLONEL IN CHARGE OF THE KOSZALIN CENTER WAS DESCRIBED AS "COURTEOUS AND POLITE" AND AFTER ONLY A PREFUNCTORY INTERVIEW, THE PROFESSOR WAS NEVER BOTHERED AGAIN WITH ANY OTHER KIND OF INTERROGATION. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS AT THIS LOCATION, THE PROFESSOR AND SEVERAL OTHER SCHOLARS WERE FLOWN BACK TO WARSAW AND

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RELEASED LATE IN THE WEEK OF DEC 20. HE DID NOT SEE ANY PERSONAL ABUSE AND NO ONE IN HIS GROUP WAS HARASSED PHYSICALLY, ALTHOUGH HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WERE SOME BEATINGS AND SOME DOORS WERE BROKEN DOWN DURING THE INITIAL WAVE OF ARRESTS. HE SAID THAT MORE PRISONERS WERE TO BE RELEASED OVER THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND, BUT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN OF THE EXACT DATES. HE SAID THAT THE SPIRIT WAS HIGH AMONG THE SOLIDARITY ACTIVISTS AND SUPPORTERS. THE ARRESTS AND MARTIAL LAW CAME AS A GREAT "SHOCK" TO THEM, BUT DURING PRISON DISCUSSIONS, THERE WAS EVERY EXPECTATION THAT THEY WOULD "START ANEW". SOME OF THE YOUNGER ACTIVISTS WANTED AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH THE MILITARY. THE OLDER VETERANS OF THE UNDERGROUND CONFLICTS WITH THE NAZIS AND THEN COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES SINCE 1945, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED FEWER DRAMATIC ACTIONS AND MORE BASIC ORGANIZING WORK IN THE FACTORIES AND AMONG THE PEOPLE AS THE KEY TO CONTINUED DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND.

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4. GOVERNMENT PREPARING REGULATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DETAINEES -- ARREST VERSUS INTERNMENT DISTINCTION. --ACCORDING TO POLISH PRESS SOURCES, THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, WAGES AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS PREPARING THE PRINCIPLES FOR GRANTING FINANCIAL AID TO THE FAMILIES OF PERSONS PRESENTLY INTERNED UNDER THE MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS. THE MINISTRY STATEMENT PROMISED THAT THE AID "WILL ENSURE A NORMAL STANDARD OF LIVING TO THE FAMILIES OF THE INTERNEES." THE SAME RELEASE ADDED THAT CLARIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN "ARREST" AND "INTERNMENT". IT NOTED THAT "TEMPORARY ARREST CONSTITUTES A NORMAL PREVENTITIVE MEASURE APPLIED TO PERSONS SUSPECTED OR ACCUSED OF COMMITTING AN OFFENSE. INTERNMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS OF PRESSURE ENVISAGED UNDER SPECIAL REGULATIONS. INTERNMENT IS APPLIED EXCLUSIVELY TO PERSONS WHOSE HITHERTO CONDUCT JUSTIFIED THE SUSPICION THAT WHILE REMAINING AT LARGE THEY WILL EITHER FAIL TO OBSERVE LEGAL ORDER OR WILL PURSUE ACTIVITY THREATENING THE INTERESTS OF STATE SECURITY OR ITS DEFENSE."

5. POGGI MISSION FINISHED -- EMBOFFS SOUGHT OUT CHURCH OFFICIALS ON DEC 26 TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO POLAND BY PAPAL EMISSARY POGGI. THE CARDINAL LEFT YESTERDAY FOR TRAIN TO VIENNA AFTER WHICH HE WAS TO FLY TO ROME. THE ONLY SOURCE AVAILABLE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS AND HAD NOT YET HEARD ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETINGS WITH THE POLISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. HE DID CONFIRM THAT THE CARDINAL HAS DELIVERED THE POPE'S LETTER TO JARUZELSKI AND DISCUSSED THE SITUATION. OUR EFFORTS TO CONTACT OTHER CHURCH OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE MOST OF THEM ARE OUT OF TOWN FOR THE WEEKEND. SEVERAL OF THE EPISCOPATE OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED BACK ON MONDAY AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THEM AT THAT TIME.

6. POLISH TELEVISION HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING -- IN A CHANGE OF PACE FROM THE STEADY DIET OF WAR MOVIES THAT HAVE BEEN ON LOCAL TV DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS, THE CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY "FEATURES" WERE BOTH AMERICAN. THE FIRST WAS ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S, "REBECCA", WHILE YESTERDAY'S MOVIE

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WAS AN AUDIE MURPHY COWBOY ADVENTURE. TODAY'S MAJOR MEDIA EVENT IS THE MUPPETS AT 1745.

7. FRENCH FOOD RELIEF PLANES ARRIVED -- THE TWO PLANES PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED FROM FRANCE, A GIFT OF THE PEOPLE AND MAYOR OF PARIS, ARRIVED IN WARSAW ON THURSDAY, DEC 24. APPROXIMATELY 80 TONS OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE UNLOADED, PART OF THE SHIPMENT BY HAND WHEN THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT BROKE DOWN. DISTRIBUTION IS TO BE ARRANGED BY WARSAW CITY AUTHORITIES.

8. JARUZELSKI CHRISTMAS EVE ADDRESS -- EMBASSY HAS NO SIGNIFICANT REACTION YET FROM POLES ON JARUZELSKI'S ADDRESS. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE SPEECH WAS LOW KEY, RESTRAINED AND SEEMINGLY CONCILIATORY. HE DID NOT CRITICIZE THE UNITED STATES BY NAME. BUT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HIS REFERENCE TO "FOREIGN CIRCLES" WHO DEPLORE THE MOVE TO MARTIAL LAW IS AIMED AT THE U.S. HE LABELED SOLIDARNOSC RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE SITUATION TO ITS PRESENT POINT, BUT AGAIN AFFIRMED THERE IS A PLACE FOR SELF-MANAGEMENT AND "REALLY INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS". HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHO DETERMINES THE UNIONS ARE REALLY INDEPENDENT. HIS PROMISE TO PRESENT A PROGRAM OF INTENTIONS BEARS WATCHING. HE DENIES ILL TREATMENT OR TORTURE. HE GIVES NO INDICATION HOW LONG THE SITUATION WILL PREVAIL, BUT ONCE AGAIN MAKES A COMMITMENT TO RENEWAL, ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT QUALIFIED. JARUZELSKI ESCHewed REVENGE, AND MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, AND CONFIRMED THE CHURCH'S ROLE IN POLISH SOCIETY. THE RHETORIC IS IN LINE WITH WHAT CZYREK AND THE MFA HAVE BEEN TELLING US THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, BUT THE GENERAL TOOK NO ACTIONS SAVE LIFTING THE CHRISTMAS EVE CURFEW. THE POLES HAVE HEARD MARTIAL LAW DEFENDED, NOW THEY WANT TO SEE ITS APPLICATION TEMPERED. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DEEDS.

9. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. MEEHAN

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